

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The image processing apparatus comprises a synthesis unit and a selection unit or an image processing unit or both units. The synthesis unit synthesizes image data of a plurality of images obtained by taking a same scene under different exposure conditions or image data of a plurality of optimal images selected by the selection unit to generate synthesized image data of a composite image. The selection unit selects the plurality of the optimal images for synthesis among the image data of the plurality of images described above. The image processing unit for subjecting the synthesized image data by the synthesis unit to dodging processing. The apparatus can secure a sufficient dynamic range of the image data even when the scene having a high contrast is taken by a digital camera that has a narrow photographing latitude and also output prints reproducing high-quality images.